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## Gulf Shores begins \$6.8 million beach re-nourishment project

Gulf Shores, Ala – October 1, 2012 – The City of Gulf Shores has begun a \$6.8 million beach renourishment project in an effort to repair damage sustained to local beaches from Hurricanes Gustav, Ike and Ida.

As the harvested sand is placed along the beachfront, safety zones will be setup to allow crews uninterrupted working conditions. Gulf Shores officials encourage those interested in viewing the re-nourishment process to use caution and respect the zones established.

Contractors expect to complete approximately 1,000 feet of coastline per day as they make their way from Laguna Key through Gulf Shores and Orange Beach to the Alabama/Florida line.

Gulf Shores will be responsible for about \$1.1 million of the total project cost, while the Federal Emergency Management Agency will fund 75 percent of costs and the Alabama Emergency Management Agency will cover another 10 percent.

The city also announced that the Alabama Department of Transportation has recently begun maintenance dredging at Little Lagoon Pass. Those living near the area may experience temporary interruptions to the west of the Pass, however, the project is expected to be completed by November 1, 2012.

Anyone interested in more information regarding these ongoing projects should contact City Hall at 251-968-2425.